Your AAdvantage Miles Are Expiring This Month — How to Save Them

AAdvantage miles expire after a defined period of account inactivity, which varies by program. Preventing AAdvantage miles from expiring requires at least one qualifying activity before the expiration date. Qualifying activities include flying on American or a oneworld partner, using the Citi AAdvantage to make purchases, transferring from a hotel or bank partner, buying or gifting miles, or completing partner activities through AAdvantage's earning partners. Call +1 (855) 235-1998 today to confirm the exact expiration date and the fastest qualifying activity to prevent forfeiture.

Miles Expiry Emergency	
Activity Reset	Any account activity in the last 24 months preserves AAdvantage miles.
Fastest Way	Book a flight or earn miles through any AAdvantage partner.
Buy Miles	Buy or gift miles at aa.com to reset the expiry clock.
Call Today	Call +1 (855) 235-1998 if expiry is today or tomorrow.
Contact	+1 (855) 235-1998 — 24/7 American emergency line

Confirming the Exact AAdvantage Expiration Date

Log into the AAdvantage account at aa.com and check the account status section for the miles expiration date. Some AAdvantage accounts display the expiration date prominently in the account overview. If the date is unclear, calling the reservations line and asking for the exact AAdvantage miles expiration date for the account provides a definitive answer. Having the exact date is important because some of the fastest qualifying activities — such as buying miles or completing a partner credit card transaction — may require 24 to 72 hours to post, which matters if the expiration is today or tomorrow.

Fastest Ways to Prevent AAdvantage Miles Expiration

The fastest qualifying activity to prevent immediate AAdvantage mile expiration depends on the specific AAdvantage program's partner options. Options that often post within 24 to 72 hours include: purchasing miles through aa.com, gifting miles to another AAdvantage member, completing a qualifying hotel stay with a AAdvantage partner, or using the Citi AAdvantage for a purchase that

generates miles. Calling the reservations line to confirm the fastest option that will post before the expiration date provides personalized guidance based on the specific account and expiration timeline.

What Happens If Miles Expire

If AAdvantage miles expire before qualifying activity is completed, the mile balance in the account goes to zero. Some programs offer a paid miles reinstatement option within a limited window after expiration — typically 12 to 18 months — for a fee per reinstatement mile. Calling the reservations line immediately after discovering an expiration provides information about any available reinstatement option for the specific account. Acting promptly after expiration maximizes the chance of recovering the miles.

AAdvantage miles that are preserved through a qualifying activity reset will not expire for the full inactivity period after the qualifying date. Marking the calendar for the new expiration date based on the qualifying activity date ensures the account is monitored proactively before the next potential expiration. Setting up automatic Citi AAdvantage spending that generates miles monthly provides ongoing protection against expiration without requiring intentional action. Contact the reservations line for AAdvantage expiration tracking and Citi AAdvantage benefit information.

If the AAdvantage mile balance is small enough that expiration would not represent a significant financial loss, evaluating whether to let the miles expire or to spend money on a qualifying activity to prevent it is a legitimate cost-benefit consideration. The cost of a qualifying activity — such as a minimum purchase that generates a nominal mile credit — should be compared against the cash value of the expiring miles at the current redemption rate. for current AAdvantage redemption values and expiration timing.

AAdvantage members who want to track their account activity status without logging in each month can set up email notifications through the AAdvantage account at aa.com to receive activity alerts. These alerts provide advance notice when the account is approaching the inactivity period that would trigger expiration, allowing proactive action well before the expiration date rather than responding to an imminent threat. Contact the reservations line for AAdvantage account notification setup assistance.

After taking action to prevent AAdvantage mile expiration through a qualifying activity, verifying that the qualifying mile credit or activity has posted to the AAdvantage account before the expiration date is the final confirmation step. Logging into the AAdvantage account at aa.com after 24 to 72 hours and confirming that the activity appears in the account transaction history provides documented evidence that the expiration clock has been successfully reset. Contact the reservations line for AAdvantage account activity verification if the qualifying activity does not appear within 72 hours of the qualifying event.

For travelers who are unsure whether a specific partner activity will count toward AAdvantage account activity before expiration, calling the reservations line to confirm that the planned activity is on the current qualifying partner list is a worthwhile step before relying on that activity to prevent expiration.

Partner qualifying activity lists are updated periodically and some partners that previously counted may have changed their terms. Confirming with +1 (855) 235-1998 that the specific partner activity will count toward the activity reset before the expiration date arrives avoids a last-minute surprise. Visit aa.com for current AAdvantage qualifying partners.

The timing of when a qualifying activity posts to the AAdvantage account relative to the expiration date is the most critical variable in last-minute expiration prevention. An activity completed today but not expected to post for 3 to 5 business days carries risk if the expiration date falls within that window. Calling the reservations line to ask whether any activity can be manually expedited or whether an activity completed today will post before the expiration date provides definitive timing guidance. Some AAdvantage activities post faster than others and a +1 (855) 235-1998 agent can confirm which specific activity is most likely to post before the expiration deadline.

Setting up the AAdvantage account to receive email or push notification alerts for account activity is one of the most reliable ways to stay ahead of potential expiration issues on future trips. When an activity credit posts, the notification arrives immediately, confirming that the expiration clock has reset. Many travelers who experience expiration scares could avoid them entirely with automated activity monitoring. Visit aa.com to configure AAdvantage account notification preferences and ensure all future qualifying activities generate instant confirmation. For AAdvantage members who have not flown on American recently but hold a Citi AAdvantage for everyday spending, automatic card activity provides continuous qualifying mile credits that prevent expiration without requiring any travel at all.

AAdvantage Miles Expiring Soon — What To Do

AAdvantage miles may expire after a period of account inactivity. A single qualifying activity resets the expiration clock. Contact +1 (855) 235-1998 for urgent expiration assistance.

Miles expiration policy reflects American’s 2026 AAdvantage program terms. Call +1 (855) 235-1998 immediately for expiration urgency.